



Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



St Patrick's
Stawell



Immaculate Conception
Ararat



St Francis of Assisi
Landsborough



St Bernard's
Lake Bolac

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind,

himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their elders both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions and culture of our ancient land, Australia. We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land

Mass Times

Ararat	Sunday 9am
Stawell	Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac	1 st 3 rd 5 th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough	2 nd 4 th Sundays 12 noon
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday 28th Sept

Amos 6:1. 4-7/ 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Weekday Masses (usual schedule) (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (**Not on the 1st Tuesday of each month**)

Wednesday: Aged Care

Thursday: 2.30pm Hopkins

Friday: 11am Ararat

Aged Care Roster

1st Wednesday 11.15am Eventide
2nd Wednesday 10am Lowe St
3rd Wednesday 10am Garden View
4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

If there is a Funeral on Tuesdays (Stawell) or Fridays (Ararat) there will be NO Mass on that day.

Anniversaries

Joseph Nunan, Enid Froggatt, Angela Vazoura 1992, Francves Looby 1995, David Tas Tasman, Lawrence Logan, James Hogan, David Sweeney, Nell Smith, Fr. Paul Mercovich, Allen Sargent 1992, James Monaghan 2000, Rita Healy 2022, Tony Raeburn 2000, Nicholas Dempsey, Marc Watson, Mary Brick, Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker, Joyce Henning, Mary Cawthorne 1961, Michael Shanan 1984, Mary Rutter 1953, Ruby Seeary 1969, Pascale Valente 2011, Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Nicholas Cosgrave 1952, Alice Tiddy 1952

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Sep 20 Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan
Sat Oct 4 Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips /Cleaning Tricia Higgins
Sat Oct 18 Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous
Sat Nov 1 Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayers of Faithful Brigitte Morrissey /Leanne Breen
Sat Nov 15 Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson
Sat Nov 29 Reader Denise Haslett/ Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston

Ararat Roster

Sun Sep 21 Facilitator Harry /Reader K Leggett / Euch Min A Collins Blessie
Sun Sep 28 Facilitator Pat McA/Reader J McA / Euch Min Cathy McA & M McD
Sun Oct 5 Facilitator M McD/Reader Rebecca / Euch Min Cathy McA & Anna C
Sun Oct 12 Facilitator P Brady/Reader Pat L / Euch Min Nora & Teresa G

Stawell Roster

Sun Sep 21 S/Minster J DeLeon & D Jones/ Reader G Madafferi / Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Sep 28 S/Minster J Obi & M R Thomas/ Reader L McNytire / Offertory G Pascall/P Gooden

Stawell CWL Monthly cuppa after Sunday Mass will be on Sunday 28th September

Ballarat Candlelight Vigil

Common Grace and the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce are calling on communities across Australia to join together in a movement of prayer to #EndTheWaiting for thousands of people who asylum in Australia and yet after more than 12 years, still have no certainty. The Vigil is a tangible way for our community to be involved and show support. All are very welcome. The Candlelight Vigil will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2025 at 7.00pm at Queen Victoria Square, Sturt Street Gardens, opposite Ballarat Town Hall. Bring a candle or torch. Enquiries to Margaret via rarballarat@gmail.com

Invitation to YCW gathering

In recognition of 100 years since Cardinal Joseph Cardijn began the Young Christian Workers movement, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday October 19, 2025 at St Columba's Church (802 Lydiard Street North), Ballarat North at 11.30am. Lunch will follow at the Golf House Hotel, 920 Doveton Street North, Ballarat at 1.00pm. Please accept this invitation and offer it to anyone you know that has been involved in past YCW actions and notify one of the following of your intended attendance. RSVP by the end of September for catering purposes: Gerry Donovan, ph. 0409861063; Denise Bertram, ph. 0417502246; Larry Walsh, ph. 0417534936; Colin Lynch, ph. 0417681095; Gerald Madden, ph. 0429606204; Dave Preston, ph. 0419134562.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choral Scholarships

The 2026 St Patrick's Cathedral Choral Scholarships recruitment campaign is underway. Choral Scholarships provide \$1000 per annum towards the education or music tuition costs of Years 3-6 students with musical aptitude. Choral Scholars sing and rehearse regularly at the Ballarat Cathedral. They are taught a broad and exciting range of repertoire, including traditional styles of sacred music and contemporary church hymns. We invite children in Years 3-6 to audition for a 2026 St Patrick's Cathedral Choral Scholarship Auditions in late Term 3 and early Term 4. Contact Choir Director, Vincent Sully Vincent.sully@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 0407 310 115. More information on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562889995868>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) - Volunteer Opportunities

ACYF organisers are calling for volunteers to join the festival. Volunteers will play a vital role in creating a welcoming and enriching experience for attendees. Roles include welcoming pilgrims, supporting liturgies, assisting with logistics and venue setup and more. To register your interest and for more information go to <https://acyf.org.au/volunteer/>

Visions of Women Leading for Mission online seminar

At Women's Leadership for Mission, we are dedicated to making women's experiences visible and affirming women as creative and authoritative within and beyond the Church. As part of our work, we are proud to present this webinar that brings together emerging and established leaders in our current program to share, inspire and animate the future of mission in the Catholic Church.' The webinar will be held on October 9, 2025 from 7.00pm - 9.00pm (AEST). Scan or click the QR code to register your attendance.



Caritas Australian – Kites in Solidarity with Palestinian

Caritas Australia's advocacy team have created a new solidarity action for parishes and schools. As the humanitarian crisis continues in Gaza, one way for schools and parishes to show their solidarity with the people in Gaza and hope for their better future is to organise to make and fly kites. Kites have long been a symbol of hope in Palestine, including when Palestinian children set the world record with almost 15,000 kites flown in Gaza on 28 July 2011. More information is available at <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/kites-in-solidarity/>

Sacred Heart College Class of 1965, 60-Year Reunion

We warmly invite past students from the Class of 1965 to join us for a special weekend to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 11.00am at the Damascus College Events Centre, 1412 Geelong Road, Mt Clear. \$40.00 per person – includes drinks and lunch. The day will begin with drinks on arrival, an archive display and live piano music, followed by a seated lunch and campus tour. The Sunday Gathering details will be provided upon booking. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/DDJJN

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Reversal of Fortunes

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the *eternal* habitation.

SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Jesus' instruction to use money to win welcome in the 'tents of eternity' is really an encouragement for us to be good stewards who are more concerned with the future than finances. After all, he makes this point after describing a wasteful steward who, for personal gain, dishonestly writes off chunks of money owed to his master – hardly a model citizen. Money is tainted, Jesus says, and it will inevitably fail us. Only the bigger picture and set of relationships we build with it really matters. So, this Season of Creation we would do well to reflect on how we use both money and the earth's resources. Do we cut corners for our own selfish aspirations, like the dishonest steward? Do we trample the needy for our own gain and comfort, like the contemporaries of Amos? Or might we cooperate with God in lifting the lowly and raising the poor from trash piles and dung heaps? Do we recycle the world's resources, or throw away our unwanted things to accumulate and afflict the poorest? Do we pray with St Paul for those in authority to make right decisions, or do we vote for unjust policies which make the rich richer, the poor poorer, and the earth dirtier?

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close -Reflection by Artist

In this parable Jesus advises his disciples to be shrewd in their dealing with life's demands. He realises that most people are pulled in two directions – self-interest and service to God. In the final analysis our first allegiance must be to God.

